




## Balanced Literacy – Writing

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<b>Shared Writing – Whole Group</b> 	Shares common text; <b>short concise pieces</b> Models strategy Uses write-aloud Uses Lessons/Atwell resources	Actively engaged with teacher Focused on common text Think-pair-share Taking Notes Listening		Smart Board Student work Authentic writing Overhead transparencies of pages from content materials Selected segment of common text CCSS rubrics
<b>Guided Writing</b> Each guided group meets 	Hosts flexible, <b>homogenous groups</b> of 6 or less based on frequent assessment Lessons are strategy driven with teacher selected materials Coaches / guides toward independence	Participate in small group with teacher Appropriate material Articulate strategies employed Interactive discussion	Independent writing Working With Words Pair-share Peer Conferencing	Appropriate-level articles, short stories... Composition notebook Loose-leaf paper Binder Interactive Read-Aloud
<b>Independent Writing</b> 	Conferences with <b>individuals</b> Listens to and discusses writing Assesses writing behaviors Guided writing group extension activities	Conference with teacher Types of conferencing ~Idea Conference ~Revision Conference ~Proofreading Conf. ~Publishing Conference Fountas/Pinnell testing and/or guided groups	Sustained focused writing Develop stamina Independently practices strategies	Self-selected materials/topics within the parameters of teacher direction or unit of study Fountas/Pinnell kits

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<p>Working with Words Vocabulary Development Spelling (Once/week)</p>	<p><b>Almost always personal</b> Introduction to new vocabulary Shared focus lesson on "typical" English phenomenon Integrated word lists Personal Spelling Lists</p>	<p>This might be part of the writer's conference Or whole group</p>	<p>Manipulating letters to form words Paired to pretest &amp; test Interactive Word Wall</p>	<p>Frequently misspelled word lists Interactive Word Wall Vocabulary that supports units of study Personal Spelling Lists Suffixes/Prefixes/Roots</p>